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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REFUNDS IN A  
POSTAGE METERING SYSTEM**AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2002, attached are:

1.) A clean version of replacement claims, as follows:

- Claims 1, 7, and 8-9;
- Claims 11-21 (New);

2.) Appropriate Remarks; and

3.) A version with markings to show the changes made in the Claims.

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